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Agriculture

1. Albanian peasants, finding that there is little advantage to be gained from increasing the output of their farms, are making no efforts to develop or improve their land. They are strongly opposed to collectivism and the kolkhoz system, with the result that, in spite of severe governmental measures, 1950 production was 25 percent lower than that of 1946.
2. Twenty-five thousand hectares (62,500 acres) which were the property of the pre-war Albanian government, have been seized as state property. Although the confiscation of private property and the formation of kolkhozes began in 1947, there are at present only three kolkhozes in the country.
3. There are twenty-four agricultural machinery depots in Albania.<sup>1</sup>
4. Production figures for 1950 were as follows:

## a. Crops:

Wheat	-	6,200 tons
Corn (Maize)	-	16,500 "
Rice	-	150 "
Barley, oats, and rye	-	4,000 "
Tobacco	-	2,500 "
Olives	-	19,000 "
Cotton	-	1,500 "
Sugar beets	-	50,000 "
Grapes	-	6,500 "
Lemons and oranges	-	2,000 fruits

## b. Dairy products and wine:

Butter	-	150 tons
Cheese	-	400 "
Milk	-	15,000 "
Wine	-	2,000 "

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**c. Livestock:**

Horses	-	60,000
Cattle	-	400,000
Sheep	-	1,500,000
Goats	-	950,000
Pigs	-	30,000
Poultry	-	1,300,000

**Fish**

5. Fish are plentiful along the Albanian coasts, in Lake Shkoder, and in the numerous rivers. The yearly fish production is not known, but the population receives very little of it; most of the production is sent to Vlone to be tinned for export.
6. In 1945-46, Albania received three fishing vessels from UNRRA and two from Yugoslavia; in 1948-49, the USSR contributed six more.

**Forests and Orchards**

7. Thirty-six percent of Albanian territory is wooded, but the timber industry has not been developed to any extent. [redacted] three timber factories were built, and the present government has constructed eighteen saw mills to provide manufactured wooden articles for local needs. There is no export trade in timber or manufactured wooden articles.
8. The fruit growing industry has been considerably developed. There have been nurseries in Shkoder, Tirana and Vlone since 1935, which distribute about a million stocks a year. In 1950, the Tirana nursery alone distributed 160,000 fruit stocks and 750,000 vine stocks.

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1. [redacted] Comment: Reference is presumably made here to counterparts of the Soviet Machine Tractor Stations.

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